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The Honorable Jacob K. Javits
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Javits:

When I had the pleasure of calling on you to introduce myself last February, you made some comments that have remained with me ever since. One of these was the desirability of our explicating for the American people what life in the Soviet Union is really like and how it compares with that in the United States. While I have not yet been able to tackle that one directly, the enclosed unclassified study on the Soviet economy is a step in that direction; at least it points out some of the difficulties we believe the Soviets are facing, including the problems of improving the lot of the consumer.

I still have in mind doing something more substantial in terms of a comparative overview. In the meantime I wanted you to have your own copy of this project because it does stem in part from your inspiration.

Many thanks and warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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